GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FENCING ON ZERO LINE IN J&K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the border fencing on the International Border at Jammu has been erected a few Kilometres behind the Zero line;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has taken a conscious decision to advance the site of fencing and re-erect it on the Zero line itself;

(c) if so, the details of agency appointed to execute the work;

(d) whether the farmers are not able to cultivate the land laying in between the present fencing and Zero line due to security restrictions imposed by border guarding forces; and

(e) if so, the action being contemplated to remove the apprehension among the farmers living on the Zero line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SMT. V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) to (c): Out of 185 km, a stretch of only 38.015 km fence was erected at a distance of 400 meter to 1.5 km away from IB (Zero Line) due to certain constraints. The Government has decided to shift this stretch closer to International Border and CPWD has been appointed to execute the work.

(d) & (e): There are some restrictions due to security consideration. However, all the farmers who own their land across the fence are being allowed by BSF to cultivate their land for which timings for opening and closing of gates are fixed in consultation with locals.